

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Ted

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200910.000

Medium: Blu-ray disc

Distributor: Universal Pictures Video

Director: Seth MacFarlane

FVLB Applicant: Universal Pictures Video

Producer: Jason Clark
et al.

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains offensive language, drug use and sexual content that may offend.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 01 November 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: 31 October 2012

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Theatrical Version Go To The Unrated Version Chapters Setup Extras How To	
Feature(s):	Ted (Theatrical Version) Ted (Unrated Version)	106:09 112:15
Timed component(s):	Deleted Scenes (x15) Alternative Takes Gag Reel Ted: The Making Of (x3) Teddy Bear Scuffle	14:54 10:32 6:24 24:42 5:38
Untimed component(s):	Audio Commentary (Theatrical Version) Notices	
Total running time:		280:34

Summary of reasons for decision:

'Ted' is an American comedy about a man called John and his best friend Ted, a teddy bear that came to life after John wished for it to happen when he was a child. The feature was originally examined as a 35mm film by the Classification Office (OFLC Ref. 1200512.000, registered 19 June 2012). It was classified Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years, and assigned the descriptive note 'Contains offensive language, drug use and sexual content that may offend'.

The current publication is a Blu-ray disc comprising the 'Theatrical' and 'Unrated' versions of the film. The features are accompanied by six extra components relating to the making of the film, including behind the scenes footage, extended and alternate scenes, and bloopers. Several members of the cast and crew also provide a commentary for the theatrical feature. The additional components increase the extent and degree of the sexual material to a level that requires a higher restriction. The deliberately edgy and adult way in which the sexual material is presented is likely to adversely affect impressionable children and younger teenagers who are still in the process of forming attitudes and behaviours towards sexuality. Older teenagers and adults are better able to place this material into comedic context. The Blu-ray disc is therefore classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years, with the same descriptive note.

This classification places an increased limitation on the right to freedom of expression as outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but the classification is the minimum restriction that can be applied in order to prevent injury to the public good, and is therefore justifiable.